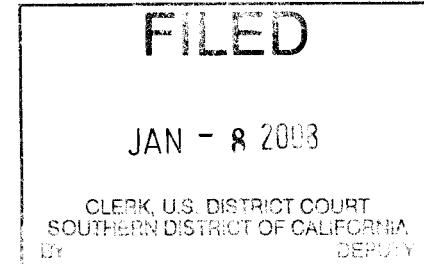


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Magistrate Case No. 07MJ2922  
 14 v. )  
 15 ALBERT JESUS ARMENTA, )  
 16 Plaintiff, )  
 17 v. )  
 18 Defendant. )  
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**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT  
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF  
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND  
ORDER THEREON**

**(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)**

13 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES  
 14 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and  
 15 Douglas Keehn, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant ALBERT JESUS ARMENTA, by  
 16 and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Charles N. Guthrie, that:

17 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing  
 18 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,  
 19 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead  
 20 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count  
 21 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.  
 22 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

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1           2.    Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4           3.    Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before **January 18, 2008**.

6           4.    The material witness, Jorge Martinez-Arguello, in this case:

7           a.    Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;  
8           b.    Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about  
9 December 17, 2007;

10           c.    Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port  
11 of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that he was an alien  
12 with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

13           d.    Was having others pay on his behalf \$3,500 to others to be brought into the  
14 United States illegally and/or transported illegally to his destination therein; and,

15           e.    May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
16 Security for return to his country of origin.

17           5.    After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
18 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
19 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,  
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21           a.    The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
22 substantive evidence;

23           b.    The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony  
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest  
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

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28           Stipulation of Fact and Joint Motion for Release of  
                  Material Witness(es) And Order Thereon in  
                  United States v. Albert Jesus Armenta

1 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),  
2 “testimonial” hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
3 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the “testimonial” hearsay statements, defendant  
4 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

5        6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
6 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
7 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
8 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

9       Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
10 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
11 Homeland Security for return to his country of origin.

12 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN P. HEWITT  
United States Attorney

16 || Dated: 1-8-2008

DOUGLAS KEEHN  
Assistant United States Attorney

18 Dated: 12-28-2007

~~CHARLES N. GUTHRIE~~  
~~Defense Counsel for ARMENTA~~

21 Dated: 12.28.2007

ALBERT JESUS ARMENTA  
Defendant

## ORDER

2                   Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,  
3                   **THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,  
4                   **IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded  
5 forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to his country of origin.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 1/8/08

J. McBreure  
United States Magistrate Judge